REMARKS

This is supplemental to the response filed on October 24, 2006. Further to that response, Applicants submit herewith a verified English translation of the foreign priority application, JP 2002-307535, as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the stated rejection is requested.

Conclusion

In view of all the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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